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1. The following translation of an editorial from the anti-government Siamese-language newspaper PRACHATIPITAI (LE DEMOCRATE), dated 23 October 1946, reveals the re-emergence of some of the jingoism which attended the 1940 campaign to retake the border provinces.

The "Thai Blood" was an intensely nationalistic group active at that time in stirring up sentiment to fight France for the ceded territories. Its reappearance now and the language of the editorial indicates there may be an organized campaign to again stir up sentiment to retake this border area.

The PRACHATIPITAI is edited by anti-government Nai Damri, former official in the Publicity Department. Nai Damri was arrested this year for printing an article demanding Pridi Bhanomyong resign as Premier until the mystery of the death of the King was cleared up. Nai Damri is not a Pibul man, however, as it was Marshal Pibul who ousted Nai Damri from his post in the Publicity Department over a matter of policy.

"THAIS!

News For long the Thai nation has been fighting at the utmost strength to preserve an existence of Thai (free people). Who are friends or foes? We know them all.

For the past thousands of years our history was dotted with such periodic battles against overwhelming difficulties. We have soaked this land with our blood from north to south in order to keep it. We have shed tears for the suffering we have had, but we can still preserve our freedom among other free nations of the world because of our righteousness.

Once again the national disgrace and torture has come to pass with the loss of the four provinces demanded by a Power - France. We have a rightful possession of this territory because the Thais have been born, brought up and live in it. We have shed our blood to fight for that land in the past. It is the fate of our

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nation that we cannot seek the rightful ownership of that land by our own force. Let's entrust our fate to the future.

The Thais must remember this, remember the pain!

We can stand the torture through the loss of land and its resources. But the mental suffering through the loss of the people on that land who are own flesh and blood, is indescribable by words.

Live well, brothers. Be patient, we are separated only by the border line. The Siamese must remember this. Keep the departed brothers in your minds. Try hard to build up our nation till we have enough strength. Let's try with ourselves and the next generations. Don't step back.

THAI BLOOD"

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